



How To Fix Sticky Keyboard Keys on a MacBook

Learn how to fix sticky keyboard keys.

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INTRODUCTION

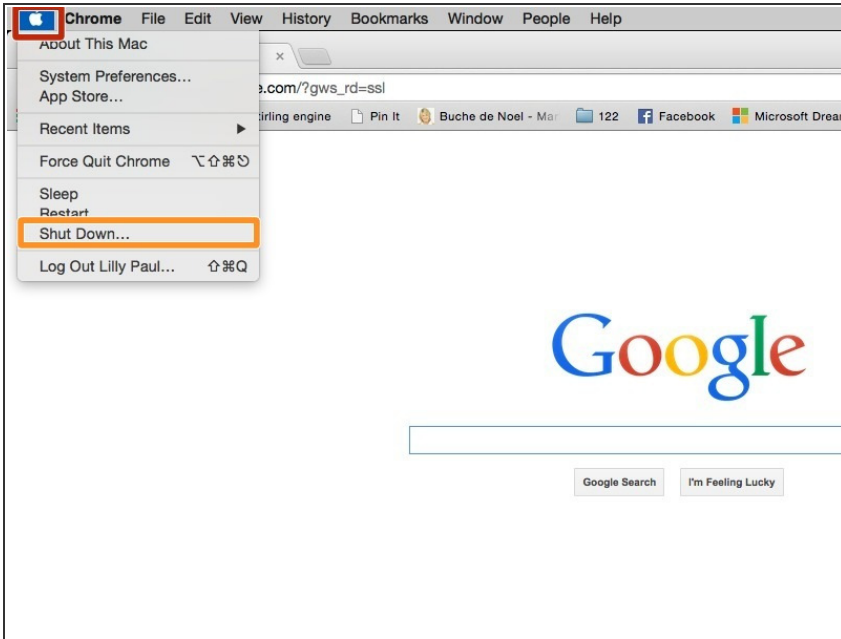
Sticky keyboard keys are a common problem with laptops, usually resulting from drink spillage, food crumbs, or other substances gumming up the keys. Fortunately, with this guide, it is an easy fix.



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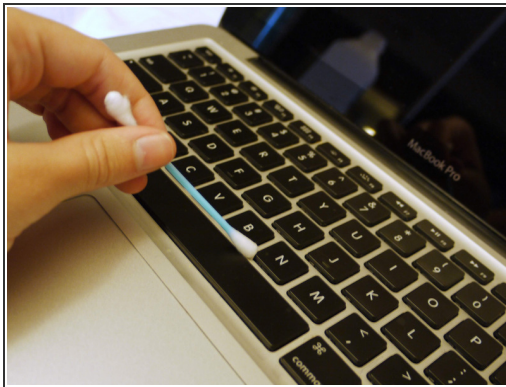
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Step 1 — How To Fix Sticky Keyboard Keys on a MacBook



- Before getting started make sure to completely turn off your computer.
- Click on the apple in the upper left-hand corner of your computer screen. A drop down menu will appear.
- Click "shut down".

Step 2



- Dip a q-tip in isopropanol, and wipe around each sticky key.

⚠ Make sure the q-tip is damp, not dripping.

i You may need multiple q-tips, as they get pretty dirty.

Step 3



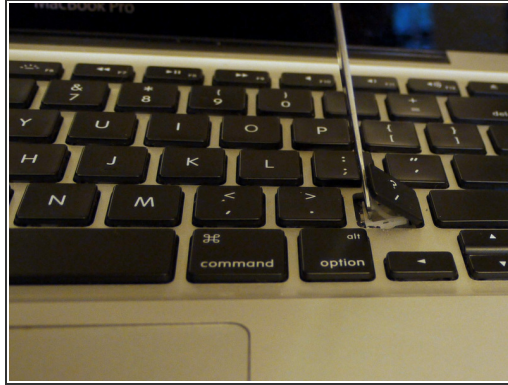
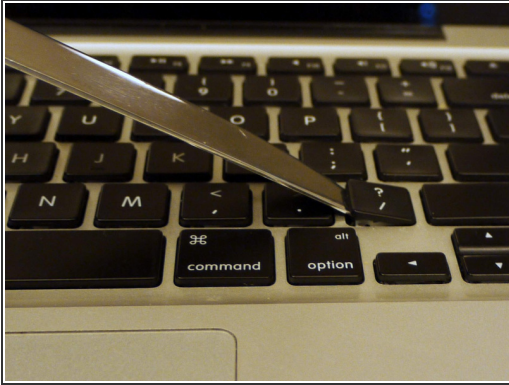
- Use a toothpick to remove crumbs or debris from under the sticky keys.

Step 4



- Now test out your keys. If they are still sticky continue on to Step 5.

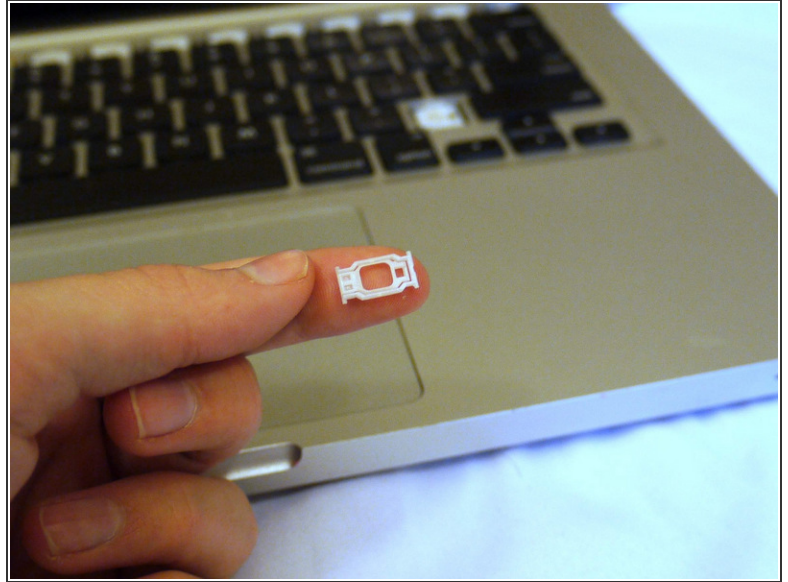
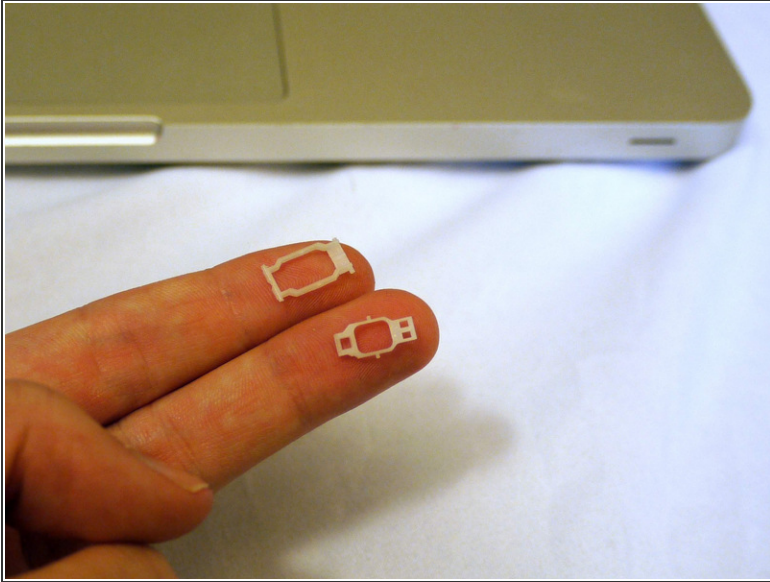
Step 5



- Use a spudger or plastic opening tool to pry up sticky keys.
 - Insert the spudger under the side of a key.
 - Lift up.
 - Use your fingers to twist the key off.

⚠ To avoid damaging your laptop, use a spudger or plastic opening tool rather than the butter knife shown in the image.

Step 6



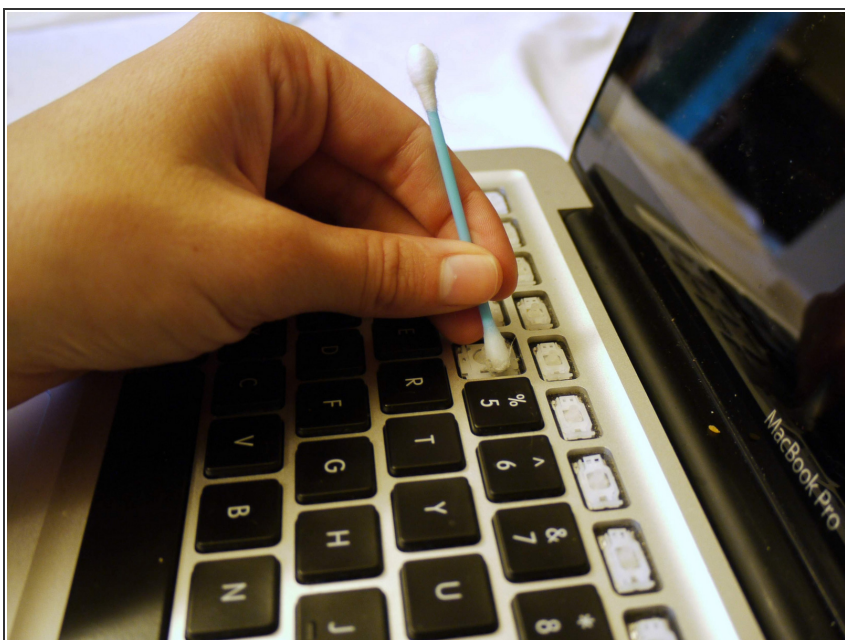
- When you are removing a key if one or both of these white plastic pieces come off the key board, don't worry. They are called key carriers and are very easy to put back on.
- If one part of the carrier is still in the keyboard, remove it so you have both in your hands.
- Look at the second picture and align the two pieces then push them together. There should be a soft clicking sound.
- In the same alignment as the second picture, place the carrier in the spot on the keyboard where it came off and press firmly into place.

Step 7



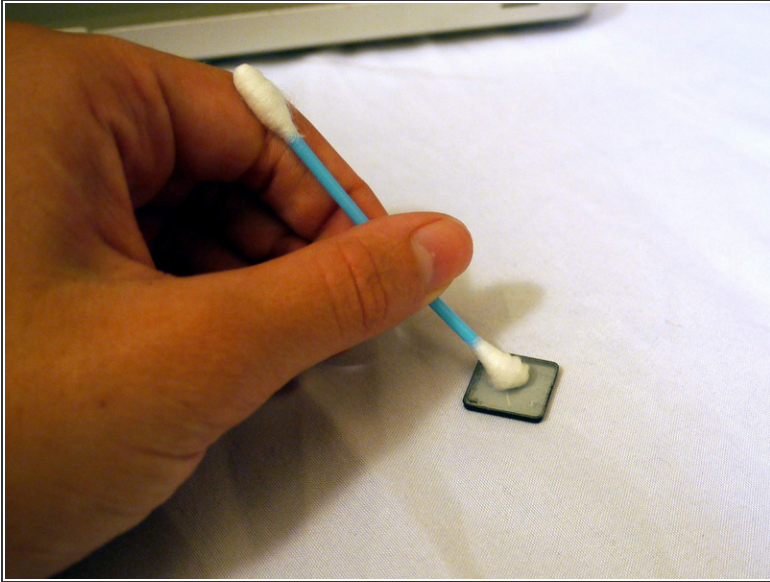
- Put soap and warm water in a cup.
- As you remove the keys, put them in the soapy water.
- Let the keys soak for 10 minutes.

Step 8



- Wipe down your keyboard with q-tips damp with rubbing alcohol.

Step 9



- Optional: If your keys are particularly sticky use rubbing alcohol and a q-tip to wipe the back of the keys.
- Dry the keys completely with a paper towel.

Step 10



- Pop the keys back on:
 - First align the key and press firmly into place.
 - Then, move your finger side to side until you hear a double clicking sound.

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